

**Emergency Rule**  
LSA Document #12-48(E)

DIGEST

Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9](#), concerning the taking of raccoons, beavers, skunks, and muskrats at state park and reservoir properties, to allow the property manager of any state park or reservoir listed to authorize a person or persons to take any raccoon, beaver, skunk, or muskrat from that state park or reservoir. Effective January 15, 2012.

SECTION 1. Under [IC 4-22-2-37.1](#), [IC 14-22-2-6](#), and [IC 14-22-6-13](#), the director of the department of natural resources has determined that raccoons, beavers, skunks, or muskrats present within a state park or reservoir property listed in SECTION 2(b) of this document pose an unusual hazard to the health or safety of individuals.

SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding [312 IAC 9-2-11](#), [312 IAC 8-2](#), and any other provision governing taking a wild animal within a state park or reservoir property, the property manager may authorize a person qualified under subsection (c) to take any raccoon, beaver, skunk, or muskrat from or within the state parks and reservoirs listed in subsection (b).

(b) The state parks and reservoirs to which this document applies are as follows:

- (1) Brookville Reservoir property.
- (2) Brown County State Park.
- (3) Cagles Mill Reservoir property.
- (4) Cecil M. Hardin Reservoir property.
- (5) Chain O'Lakes State Park.
- (6) Charlestown State Park.
- (7) Clifty Falls State Park.
- (8) Falls of the Ohio State Park.
- (9) Fort Harrison State Park.
- (10) Hardy Reservoir property.
- (11) Harmonie State Park.
- (12) Indiana Dunes State Park.
- (13) Lincoln State Park.
- (14) McCormick's Creek State Park.
- (15) Mississinewa Reservoir property.
- (16) Monroe Reservoir property.
- (17) Mounds State Park.
- (18) O'Bannon Woods State Park.
- (19) Ouabache State Park.
- (20) Patoka Reservoir property.
- (21) Pokagon State Park.
- (22) Potato Creek State Park.
- (23) Prophetstown State Park.
- (24) Salamonie Reservoir property.
- (25) Shades State Park.
- (26) Shakamak State Park.
- (27) Spring Mill State Park.
- (28) Summit Lake State Park.
- (29) Tippecanoe River State Park.
- (30) Turkey Run State Park.
- (31) Versailles State Park.
- (32) Whitewater State Park.

(c) In order to qualify, a person must satisfy the following requirements and conditions:

- (1) Possess written authorization, along with any special conditions, from the property manager of the state park or reservoir property listed in subsection (b) to act under this SECTION.
- (2) Possess a nuisance wild animal control permit issued under [312 IAC 9-10-11](#) if a raccoon, beaver, skunk, or muskrat is taken outside of the season established in the following rules:

(A) For raccoon, [312 IAC 9-3-14](#).

(B) For beaver, [312 IAC 9-3-11](#).

(C) For skunks, [312 IAC 9-3-12](#).

(D) For muskrat, [312 IAC 9-3-13](#).

(3) Traps that are set must be in compliance with [312 IAC 9-3-18](#) and be checked at least once every twenty-four (24) hours in accordance with [IC 14-22-6-4](#). In addition, body-gripping traps are prohibited on dry land. Foot hold traps must have offset jaws and be placed at a minimum of twenty-five (25) yards from any developed building, trail, road, campground, or other recreational feature.

(d) State parks and reservoirs staff executing this document shall make a reasonable and conscientious effort to notify property visitors of this document. Notice shall include posting at places of entry.

SECTION 3. Section [*sic*, *SECTIONS*] 1 and 2 of this document expires [*sic*, *expire*] January 14, 2013.

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